

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this Application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed on December 16, 2003. Claims 1-13 are pending and stand rejected in the Application. Applicants have amended Claims 2 and 4 and cancelled Claims 1 and 3 without prejudice and disclaimer by the present Amendment.

The specification was objected to because of an informality. Claims 1-13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the courtesy of an interview extended to Applicants' representative on March 30, 2004. During the interview, several places in Applicants' disclosure were reviewed and discussed to show that Applicants' specification does comply with the enablement requirement of 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph. It was agreed during the personal interview, as summarized in the interview summary (form PTO 413), "that the rejection in reference to the boss ratio, average degree of reaction, curvature, and gauging ratio will be lifted."

In view of the results of the personal interview, i.e., lifting of the 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph rejection in reference to the above-summarized variables, Applicants have amended the subject matter of canceled Claim 1 into Claims 2 and 4. Applicants respectfully submit Claims 2, 4, and 5-13 enclosed herein have overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph and respectfully request their withdrawal. In addition, in view of the incorporation of the subject matter of the originally filed Claim 1 (now canceled) into Claims 2 and 4, the need for the statement in support of the enablement of the pressure ratio has been obviated.

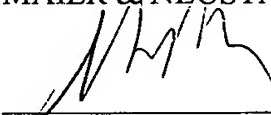
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Consequently, in view of the present amendment, no further issues are believed to be outstanding in the present application, and the present application is believed to be in condition for formal Allowance. A Notice of Allowance for Claims 2, 4, and 5-13 is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner deem that any further action is necessary to place this application in even better form for allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicant's undersigned representative at the below listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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